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TO: DCD/HEADQUARTERS.

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SUBJECT: CONSTANTIN HANFF

REF: C 00-A(S)-322/33285-76 AND C OIR-03286-77

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1. CONSTANTIN (AKA KONSTANTIN OR KONSTANTY) HANFF, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK CITY-BASED POLISH LANGUAGE PAPER "WOLNA POLSKA" (FREE POLAND), HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN OPERATIONAL CONTEXT IN REFERENCED REPORTS. ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF EAST EUROPEAN EMIGRE GROUPS, HANFF MAINTAINS A COMMUNICATION NETWORK WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS IN MOST OF THE MAJOR CITIES IN THE US. ONE OF HIS CONTACTS IN ST LOUIS IS NICHOLAS J CLONES, A POLITICAL HISTORIAN INTERESTED IN EAST EUROPEAN AND BALKAN HISTORY AND POLITICS, AND A SOURCE OF THE SLFO.

2. ON 15 FEB 77, CLONES RECEIVED A SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER FROM HANFF IN WHICH HANFF MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:.

A. "INSIDE INFORMATION HERE GATHERED FROM THE POLISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HERE PRESSES US TO EDIT A NEW "FREE POLAND" SPECIAL REPORT NR 4-77 FOR STAFF USE ONLY, CONTAINING HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE MATERIALS IN ORDER TO LEAK THEM (SIC). WE MUST DISCUSS SPECIFICS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

B. "OUR MAN IS ON (SIC) A CONTACT WITH WIESLAW MICKIEWICZ, HIGH RANKING OFFICER OF THE POLISH CONSULATE IN CHICAGO, DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE.....OUR MAN IS ENDANGERED BECAUSE MICKIEWICZ BEGINS TO ASK HIM FOR SOME TECHNOLOGICAL ESPIONAGE 'FAVORS' WHICH WE DO NOT WANT HIM TO BE INVOLVED IN. THIS PROBLEM NEEDS URGENT SOLUTION WITH THE HELP OF HEADQUARTERS PROBABLY, AND NOT WITH THE LOCAL PEOPLE

IN CHICAGO."

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3. CLONES DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE "MAN" IN CHICAGO TO WHO HANFF REFERS. HE SPECULATES, HOWEVER, THAT THE REFERENCES TO "HEAD-QUARTERS" AND "THE LOCAL PEOPLE IN CHICAGO" ARE TO LNERGO WITH WHOM HANFF HAS MENTIONED PREVIOUS CONTACT. IN ANY EVENT, CLONES WILL TRY TO REACH HANFF BY TELEPHONE ASAP AND WILL RELAY TO US WHATEVER INFORMATION RESULTS.

4. CLONES HAS ALREADY PROVIDED THE ST LOUIS OFFICE OF LNERGO WITH A COPY OF HANFF'S LETTER. E2 IMPDET CL BY []
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